

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

THE DESERTED FARM-HOUSE.

BY MR. IRVING.

THIS antique dome, th' unmould'ring tooth of time,
Now level with the dust has almost laid;
Yet, ere 'tis gone, I trace my humble rhyme
From the low ruins that his years have made.
Behold th' unsocial hearth!—where once the fires
Blaz'd high, while yonder wand'ring current froze;
See the weak roof, that abler props requires,
Admits the chilling winds, & swift descending snows.
Here to forget the labours of the day,
No more the swains at evening hours repair;
But wand'ring flocks assume the well known way
To shun the rigours of the inclement air.
In yonder chamber, half to ruin gone,
Once stood the ancient housewife's curtain'd bed—
Timely the prudent matron has withdrawn,
And each domestic comfort with her fled.
The trees, the flow'rs, that her own hands had rear'd,
The plants, the vines, that were so verdant seen;
The trees, the flow'rs, the vines have disappear'd,
And ev'ry plant has vanish'd from the green!
So sits in tears, on wide Campania's plain,
The ancient mistress of a world enslav'd,
That triumph'd o'er the land, subdu'd the main,
And time himself, in her wild transports, brav'd.
So sits in tears, on Palestine's shore,
The Hebrew town, of splendor once divine;
Her kings, her lords, her triumphs are no more—
Slain are her priests, and ruin'd ev'ry shrine!
Once in the bounds of this half ruin'd room
Perhaps, some Swain nocturnal courtship made;
Perhaps, some Shepherd mus'd amidst the gloom,
Since love and death have ever seek the same bed.
Perhaps, some miser, doom'd to discontent,
Here counted o'er the heaps acquir'd with pain;
He to the dust—his gold on traffic lent,
Shall ne'er disgrace these mould'ring walls again.
Nor shall the glow-worm fopling, sunshine-bred,
Seek at the evening hour this wonted dome—
Time has reduc'd the fabric to a shed,
Scarce fit to be the wand'ring beggar's home.
And none but I its piteous fate lament—
None, none, but I, o'er its sad ashes mourn;
Sent by the muse (the time, perhaps, mispent)
To shed her latest tears upon its silent urn!

The Monitor.

RELIGION.

RELIGION brightens in the shade of retirement. The hurry of business, and the rude scenes of mirth drown the whispers of conscience, and quench the vital sparks of religion. The christian will often retire to converse with his God. There he enjoys his sweetest moments, there he tastes the pleasures which it is not in the power of earthly objects to afford. When he withdraws from noise and disturbance, when he meditates at leisure on these great truths, which have never been seriously enough considered, it is almost impossible that he should not be affected with them. Intercourse with the world cools our affections for religion and darkens the hopes of future enjoyment, in the same proportion that it increases our attachment to the present. If we would breathe a purer air, we must shun the noxious vapours of vice, we must flee from it, as more dangerous than the plague or pestilence. Ye friends of humanity! when ye behold the greater part of mankind eagerly pursuing the fleeting vanities of time, and forgetting the joys of immortality, then retire and heave a sigh for human depravity;—but retire not in vain. Resolve to quit your follies and immerse not again in sinful pleasures.

All the moments of our lives are counted. Let us employ them well or ill we shall not increase their number—it is fixed and lessens continually. Is then our treasure on earth? It will vanish in the hour of distress. Is it in heaven? It will increase in value through a boundless eternity.

Youth and beauty may fall before the corroding hand of time, like the tender flower before the chilling blasts of autumn. The brightest morning may soon be overcast with clouds; and storms of adversity may drive us far from the smiles and caresses of our friends; happy beyond expression, if in these moments religion be our guide. This will smoothe the furrowed front of age, and blunt the barbed arrows of death. This will brighten our hopes when all other enjoyments are fled, when gaiety ceases to please, and mirth can no longer delight.

James Sheppard,
TAILOR,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he carries on the above business at the house adjoining Mr. John Randall's, and nearly opposite to Mr. William Whittington's. He solicits, and will be thankful to those who will favour him with their custom; they may rely on having their work executed in the neatest and most fashionable manner—No exertions on his part shall be wanting to give general satisfaction.

Annapolis, Sept. 14, 1808.

Maryland Gazette.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, September 29, 1808.

FROM INDIA.

BY the arrival of the ship Traveller, capt. Richard Ward, at Salem, in 117 days from Calcutta, India papers to the 9th May have been received by the editor of the Salem Register. Letters received at Bombay, dated Bussorah, 13th March, state that Adm. Pellew reached Bombay 11th April.—The absence of the Adm. from the Calcutta station, was regretted and by some even censured; but as no public account was given of the movements on the Persian Gulf the reasons for his conduct could not be sufficiently known for a correct judgment of the disposition of his fleet. Accounts from Canton to 14th March, state in consequence of the rich captures made by the enemy, the country ships were not permitted to sail without convoy. The Ladrões had become very troublesome to the coasting trade. The English were surveying the Paracets, dangerous shoals, in the navigation of the Chinese seas. The French frigate La Canonnière, of 50 guns, from Acapulco (on the S. W. coast of New-Spain) with 4,000,000 dollars, had arrived at Manila. On the 16th of March the English frigate Terpsichore, of 32 guns, had an action with a ship, which was at first supposed to be the Canonnière, but was not, and which escaped after having killed the lieutenant of the English ship, and 20 men and 22 wounded. The name of the ship which escaped had not been obtained. The English ship Florenzo, capt. Jardinge, with the loss of 10 men killed, together with her capt. and 26 men wounded, had captured the French frigate La Piedmontaise, of 50 guns and 366 Frenchmen and 200 Lascars, from the Isle of France, on a cruise. The French ship lost 48 killed, and 112 wounded. The action was in the Gulf of Marar, in lat. 7, N. and 77, E. long. between Cape Cormorin and the Island of Ceylon. M. Moreau, the second in command of the French ship, and the British ship, the English government in India had paid a proper tribute of respect to the brave captain who fell in this engagement. The accounts of the market at China, are of the high prices of opium and cotton. The papers say, specie to the amount of one million and a half sterling, was imported on account of the India company. The English were not inattentive to the reports in Europe of an intended invasion of India, and were observing and conciliating the Indian powers.

Extract of a letter from Calcutta, to the editor of the Norwich Con. Courier, dated April 20, 1808.

"On the 27th of January, an overland dispatch reached Calcutta, announcing war between Denmark and Great-Britain; and on the same day the Danish Factory of Serampore, distant about 14 or 15 miles, was taken by a small detachment of troops from Calcutta, without any bloodshed. All the Danish ships in the river were also seized."

On Monday last, the vault of the new court room in the north wing of the Capitol, at Washington, fell in. Three or four men were under it, when it first cracked; but they escaped, except Mr. John Lenthall, superintendent of the work, who was discovered after three or four hours search. Mr L. was dead when he was found, having his skull fractured, and being otherwise wounded. [North American.]

After several hours industrious search the lifeless body of Mr. Lenthall was found, with the skull fractured and other parts considerably injured—under the sanction of Mr. Buzard, the coroner, his death was pronounced accidental, and the corpse conveyed to the dwelling of his afflicted family, there to receive the necessary preparations for the rights of burial. The regret of the whole city on the exit of Mr. L. constitutes for him an honourable eulogium, surpassing the panegyric of the pen.

The redoubled exertions of Mr. Latrobe, and the facilities which every class of our citizens are cordially disposed to render for the repair of the accident, are ample securities that the hall of the senate will be in a suitable situation for the reception of that body in November, notwithstanding the unexpected drawback upon the operations of the workmen.

[Monitor.]

Spanish Colonies.

Yesterday arrived the schooner Farmer, Shoyen, from Laguaira. Capt. Schoyen informs, that the crew of the French express brig had all been imprisoned, but on their taking the oath of allegiance, they were liberated; that it was the determination of the Spaniards to resist Buonaparte to the last extremity, and with their lives to support Ferdinand the VIIth. but in case of his failure, to declare themselves independent, and that to accomplish this they desired no assistance, nor would they accept of any from any nation whatever.

[Phil. pap.]

Verbal information, from England, to the 29th of July, states, that the story of propositions from France for the revocation of her decrees, was considered an unfounded rumour.

[Pal.]

The French prize court, July 6, condemned the American vessels the George, Grace, Cadet, Brothers, Tarantula, and Fame. These vessels are adjudicated under the iniquitous and unprecedented decrees of France, confiscating ships for having British manufactures or produce on board, or being visited from a cruiser. These are no symptoms of the removal of the decrees!

[Ibid.]

DUBLIN, June 23.

On Monday last, a fool hardy fellow named Moore, a Slater by trade, undertook for the trifling wager of a gallon of porter, to ascend to the ball on the spire of St. Patrick's Steeple, which a late thunder storm had thrown from its perpendicular direction. After passing to the upper scaffolding, which did not approach to within twelve feet of the terrific point of his destination, he clambered up by his hands and knees, and placed himself alstride on the apex of the spire that had been thrown into a horizontal position. In this tremendous state of peril he had, continued but a few seconds, when to the horror of the astonished spectators, the whole gave way, and with the ball, and about one ton of the fractured stone work, the unfortunate man was precipitated in a moment from a height of 200 feet! his weight carried him through three of the stages, when his cloathes became entangled, and exhibited him suspended between earth and heaven. Merciful Providence, however, and his own exertions, enabled him to seize some of the scaffolding, and he succeeded in regaining a safe footing. He came down through the church, and was carried off by the crowd, to enjoy the triumph of a gallon of porter, won at such a tremendous risk.—The ball broke through to the fourth scaffold, and the stone work fell in St. Patrick's Clofe, without further injury than tearing up the pavement, into which it sunk upwards of 3 feet.

MIDDLETOWN, Sept. 15.

At a training in Willington, on the 5th instant, Mr. Leonard White, of Coventry, 21 years of age, who belonged to a company of horse, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol by his left hand-man, while in the act of loading. The ramrod was driven quite through his head; entering the left cheek, and coming out at the right ear.

NATCHEZ, August 17.

A company of the United States troops under the command of captain Swan, have arrived at the Amite, to protect the frontier from any hostile attack the Indians may feel disposed to make.

We learn that in the late action between the Indians and whites, on the Amite, the Indians lost one killed and one badly wounded. They swear they will have revenge for their murdered brother—but we hope the march of our troops will prevent any further bloodshed.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21.

DISTRESSING GALE.

During the gale last evening, great damage was sustained by the shipping in the harbour. We have reason to fear that many lives were lost, and much injury sustained, more than has come to our knowledge, as many pleasure boats and bay craft were in the river at the time the gale commenced; and as its violence during half an hour, from N. W. exceeded any thing of the kind witnessed for many years past. We are informed that a packet bound for the Eastern Shore was upset, from which were lost five persons; but have not learnt their names. Fifteen or 20 sail, amongst which were several fine ships, broke their masts and were driven with great violence high and dry on the south side of the basin. We anticipate with sorrow, fearful accounts from the bay and coast.

Since writing the above, we are informed that one of the vessels upset was commanded by captain Brown, bound to Cherrystone; captain amongst the lost. [Fed. Gaz.]

During the violent storm yesterday evening, the schooners Leader, of Hollow Landing; Sally and Ann, of Baltimore; and Eagle of Oxford; upset opposite Fort M'Henry—and the following persons were drowned: Mr. Severn Savage, of Baltimore, Mr. Samuel Cullis, of Virginia, on board the Leader, Mr. Henry Luckett, John Cato, (master,) and a black man, on board the Sally and Ann. By the humane and daring efforts of Mr. Hanson, inspector, and the soldiers of the garrison, seven men and a boy were saved. Corporal Cook, of capt. Peter's company of Light Artillery, was drowned, in attempting to save property afloat. [North Am.]

The French general at Lisbon has threatened to set that city on fire, if driven to the last extremity.

NOTICE.

THE creditors of the late THOMAS W. WALKER, deceased, are hereby requested to exhibit their respective claims against said estate to the subscriber, at Queen-Anne, on Monday, the 9th of October next.

BENJAMIN HODGES, Executor.

September 14, 1808.

Notice.

I HEREBY give public notice, that I intend to apply to the next county court for Calvert county, or to some one of the judges thereof, in the recess of the said court, for the benefit of an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, and the supplement thereto.

JAMES JONES, Junior.

Calvert county, August 30, 1808.

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